

1 **Abstract of the Invention**

2 A support and enclosure structure for fluorescent light bulbs
3 includes an elongated, hollow tube having opposite ends, an outer
4 wall and an inner volume, and at least one ventilation opening
5 extending through the outer wall for permitting air flow between
6 the inner volume of the tube and the surrounding environment for
7 cooling of the fluorescent light bulb held there within. End caps
8 are mounted on opposite ends of the tube, the end caps adapted to
9 engage opposite ends of the fluorescent light bulb and support the
10 fluorescent light bulb within the inner volume of the tube free of
11 contact with the outer wall of the tube. Finally, the tube is
12 constructed of a generally rigid, at least partially translucent
13 materials, such that light emitted by the fluorescent light bulb
14 held within the tube generally radiates through the outer wall of
15 the tube into the surrounding environment.

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